



STATE OF WASHINGTON
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**DETERMINING JURISDICTION FOR A LICENSED ADULT FAMILY HOME,
BOARDING HOME, OR NURSING HOME**

Dear First Responder/Emergency Management Department:

Some local first responders and emergency management departments have asked me for assistance in helping them identify which long-term care facilities are located in their agency's jurisdiction.

Residential Care Services (RCS) is responsible for licensing, inspecting and regulating adult family homes, boarding homes and nursing homes. There are also many high risk individuals in the community with living arrangements (e.g., independent living in one's own home or rented apartment, living with a relative) that RCS does not license.

For a number of years, the Aging and Disability Services Administration (ADSA) website has included resources to assist the public in searching for RCS-licensed facilities in a specific geographic location. Facility databases update regularly based on licensing activity.

Please use the "Locator" feature on the ADSA website by visiting for the following links:

Adult Family Home Locator

<http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/Lookup/AFHRequestv2.asp>

Boarding Home Locator

<http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/lookup/BHRequestv2.asp>

Nursing Home Directory

<http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/Professional/NFDir/directory.asp>

ADSA created these tools to better identify long-term care providers, mobilize resources, and coordinate planning/training with providers. You may want to periodically use the above links on the ADSA website to identify and review which adult family homes, boarding homes and nursing homes are in your jurisdiction.

We appreciate your continued dedication to protecting the health and safety of Washington's long-term care residents and other high-risk individuals.

Sincerely,

Joyce Pashley Stockwell, Director
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